

Involuntary Outpatient Commitment Bill

To Whom It May Concern:

This is my experience in my own Recovery, I Writer Daniel R Colli Suffered from a grave emotional disorder known as Addiction. I also had an issue of being deaf. For many years I struggled and didn't know what to do found myself homeless in and out of jails and institutions. I felt full of fear and anxiety because my life was out of order no balance and Things were not right in my life so I was depressed. Until I hit a bottom I could not recover. Tried medications Doctors prescribed yet they never did blood works before giving meds to me it was always trial and error. Some of the medications made me too tired to work on my life. So I stopped taking medication. Little by little I found 12 step recovery. There were times I went to Doctors and I was out of my mind due to no money no car not peace just fear of surviving never going to be ok. Doctors would just give me pills but no solution to my causes and conditions. I was drinking and doing Heroin for quite some time for I felt my life was and hopeless. Mind you I was deaf unemployed and with record most employers wouldn't hire a guy in my condition. I went to methadone clinics they claim to be recovery. I only gained another addiction with this drug. This drug was worse than Heroin. This drug got me so high I didn't need Heroin didn't really block Heroin just got me high enough so I didn't need yet if I didn't get my dose I be sick as hell. Same as Heroin. I was still miserable inside. Until I let go of drugs completely I would remain miserable and my life would never find balance never be happy joyous and free from obsession. Because of being homeless no job or money and having an addiction issue I was supposed to be out of my mind and unhappy and depressed. There were no drugs at the Pharmacy going to fix this. Until I started working on my life got active with people working with people helping others or I wouldn't recover. I joined an AA group started going regularly. GOT THE HELP I needed. Recovery is individualized I need help with hearing got A Cochlear Implant got 97% of my hearing back not everyone in recovery has hearing issues and not everyone in recovery needs medication boy I wish that's all I needed. Addicts struggle with being honest with what they truly need. I went back to school upon getting my hearing fixed did a 1 year CADAC program and now work in Addictions as a counselor. I'm sharing with you today just to let you know no court could force me to recover I had to go through what went through until I was ready not when other people decided I needed to be. Forcing someone to take meds is wrong and everyone's recovery should be individualized to their personal needs. Not everyone recovers the same. This Bill takes away power of choice. Also wear is the money to cover this Bill? Programs we have now struggle to get funding. This Bill has too many unanswered Questions.

Truly Concerned,

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